

**CRUNCH:** The tanker Polaris with 10,000 barrels of gasoline and 19,000 barrels of No. 2 fuel oil breaks a path through the St. Joseph river enroute to Cities Service Oil Co. terminal on Industrial island yesterday. Several times the tanker had to back up and rip into the eight to 10-inch thick river ice. The

tanker arrived at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday from East Chicago and was scheduled to have its cargo unloaded about midday today. Moderate ice formations on the lake and in the harbor mouth have not been much of a handicap to periodic tanker shipments into the harbor here this winter so far. (Staff photo)

## Nun Shot, Killed In Convent

DETROIT (AP) — A Roman Catholic nun who had just returned from mass at a private home was killed today when a bullet was fired through her drape-covered bedroom window at her convent in Detroit.

Sister Julita Marie Williams, 37, who taught the mentally retarded, was struck in the right temple by one of two rifle bullets fired through the window, police said.

### FOUR HELD

Police said four persons, ranging in age from 22 to 25, were taken into custody at a nearby apartment building.

A .22-cal. rifle, two spent bullet casings, a starter's pistol and suspected narcotics paraphernalia were seized by police.

### LIBERATION?

## Woman Must Pay Child Support

PONTIAC (AP) — A Pontiac woman has been ordered to pay \$35 a week in child support to her ex-husband, who has custody of the couple's five children, aged 7 to 12.

Oakland County Circuit Judge William Beer said this week he ordered Barbara J. Duncan to make the payments to her former husband, Eddie.

"We're quite sure this is the first time a woman in Michigan has ever been ordered to pay child support," said Edward D. Gold, supervising attorney for the Oakland County Legal Aid Society. He handled the case.

The couple was married in 1957 and was divorced in October 1969.

He took the children to Ontario in the Upper Peninsula to live and got a job paying \$80 a week for a copper mining company officials said. He has remarried.

The petition for child support was filed in Oakland Circuit Court in January.

It referred to the child support law, which took effect in October and eliminated legal workings which made only the man responsible for child support or alimony.

Mrs. Duncan, contended her present job at the Pontiac Motor Division gave her just enough to support herself. She also said the children lived too far away for adequate visits with them.

Beer ruled "Regardless, she made \$125 a week, he only \$80 and he had the five children. My ruling was that she should have to pay. It wasn't meant to be an earth-shaking decision, just a fair one."

### AUTOPSY REPORT

## Death Of Girl, 2 Traced To Fall

The death of a 2-year-old girl who died Tuesday was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage, according to an autopsy report. Benton Harbor police, who investigated the death of Verona Wilson, 631 Superior street, said she apparently fell down the 14 steps of a stairway.

An autopsy was held by Dr. Charles Boonstra, pathologist, and reported to police yesterday.

The girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wilson. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the New Paradise Baptist church. The Rev. W. B. Burton will officiate, and burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Crystal Springs cemetery.

The Robbins Brothers funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

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#### Problem Solved

#### SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. (AP)

This community has solved the problem of increasing its size — thus getting a bigger share of state revenue without adding to its tax burden.

City Council annexed the U.S. Army Electronic Proving Grounds at Ft. Huachuca on

#### A Benton township housing project resident died last night, apparently from an accidental shooting, according to Benton township police Lt. Jack Drach.

Drach said the victim, Wallace Turner, 23, of 1067 Blossom Lane, told Drach and an ambulance driver that he was accidentally shot by his step-brother. He died two hours later at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital.

The step-brother, Tom Jackson, 14, of 1067 Blossom Lane, was not held, but he was reported to police following school today for questioning.

Police found the victim half-way down a stairway, but the shooting was reported to have taken place in an upstairs bedroom where a 16-gauge shotgun was found on a bed.

#### DIES OF WOUND

Turner died of a bullet wound in the abdomen and left wrist. Police said he told an Action Ambulance driver, Gary Satterwhite of Route 1, Coloma, of the shooting being accidental as he was being driven to the hospital.

Mr. Turner was born Feb. 20, 1947, in Tupelo, Miss., the son of Wallace and Ira Turner. He had served in the Vietnam war.

Surviving are his widow, Mary, and a daughter, Latonia, both of Pontiac, Mich.; his mother, Mrs. Ira Turner of Benton Harbor; two brothers, Johnnie and Jerry, both of Benton Harbor; eight sisters, Mrs. Benoria Seuell, Mrs. Ida Revia, Mrs. Ara Montgomery, Mrs. Dorothy Clayton, Mrs. Rosie Lee Moore, Miss Roxanne Turner, Mrs. Patsie Ann Brook and Miss Reggie Turner, all of Benton Harbor, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Virginia Davidson of Tupelo.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete this morning at the Robbins Brothers funeral home.

### Police To Quiz Step-Brother

#### 9

#### Auto Deaths In Berrien County In 1971

The letter said the stock had been sold before the accounting in separate sales in 1966, 67 and 68 for \$142,845. The bonds were redeemed on April 4 for \$11,821.

Preston confirmed to this newspaper he had received that letter from Hartwick.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The Royal Oak Tribune reported Wednesday that Heber's office has been closed for about three weeks and Prosecutor Thomas G. Plunkett said he had asked Royal Oak police to determine the whereabouts of Heber.

The Detroit News reported family, friends and business associates said they don't know where he is. Heber is a past president of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce. He formally was attorney for Troy township but was fired in 1955 on grounds of conflict of interests.

**DRIVER UNHURT**

Deputy Douglas Fishburn said the driver who had stopped to make a left turn, Elizabeth Marie Westfall, 40, of 209 Greenfield street, Berrien Springs, was not injured, Polk's received minor injuries.

Mr. Baker, an employee of the Dallas & Mavis Forwarding Co., Benton Harbor, was born June 21, 1932, in Newman, Ohio, and had resided in this area for 16 years.

Survivors include his widow, the former Marjorie Fleener, whom he married Oct. 9, 1964.

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

### STUDY PLANNED

## Mailmen Postpone Saturday Closings

A decision to discontinue Saturday service at public windows in southwestern Michigan post offices has been postponed, according to George Westfield, acting Benton Harbor postmaster.

The Saturday window closings were announced earlier this month as part of a nation-wide trend begun by the U.S. Postal Service. Services ordered discontinued at that time included stamps, money orders, registry, parcel post, and information provided over the counter. The closing order was to take effect this Saturday.

The closings were postponed to allow a study of the amount of Saturday business in post offices, Westfield said. The order applies to all Michigan post offices, he explained.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

# Boosterism Needs Ballast

Civic pride is a great thing. It is the catalyst which makes the difference between a designation on the map and a real town. However, enthusiasm fed only by itself and not anchored to facts can lead to devastating embarrassment.

Long Beach, Calif., is suffering through the latter experience.

In 1967 the Cunard Steamship Company announced since it was no longer profitable to send England's prize ocean liner, the Queen Mary, to sea, that she would be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

With substantial help from the British treasury, Cunard launched the 81,000-ton, 1019-foot long vessel in 1936 as a reminder to Englishmen everywhere that Britannia still ruled the waves.

The Queen Mary fulfilled this expectation in all respects until the airplane replaced the ship as the commercial overseas carrier.

Efforts to divert the world's largest passenger vessel to the cruise trade failed because the marine traffic could not match her operating costs.

About the time that Cunard was first noticing the Queen Mary's decline, Long Beach lost its Miss Universe contest to Miami in 1959. This beauty pageant had put the city on the tourism map. Plans for a World's Fair to substitute for Miss Universe fell through.

The rumor on the Queen Mary's auction filled this void, so completely that many disgruntled residents recently ran a recall election against their city hall overlords. The recall fizzed by a 2-1 margin, but the 45 per cent voter turnout was the largest witnessed in years.

A citizens group, drawn mainly from the tourist industry, persuaded city hall that the Queen Mary would make a museum and commercial exhibition hall that could outdraw Disneyland.

The original estimates called for spending \$9 million to buy the ship, in remodelling, and laying in the docking facilities to accomodate her.

City hall dispatched its fire chief and building inspector to examine the Queen's soundness and prepared the legal papers for the State Land Commission's approval. Long Beach is entitled to a split with the state in offshore oil royalties which over the next 35 years is placed at \$250 million dollars. However, the California coastal communities must earmark that bonanza for harbor

## Senator Teddy Can Drive Again

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's driver's license, revoked after Chappaquiddick, is renewed — unlike his chances of snagging the 1972 presidential nomination.

# Rent And Revolution

In Oakland, Calif., some mystery has developed over where the money is coming from to pay the \$650-a-month rent for the plush apartment where Huey P. Newton has been staying. An attorney for the Black Panthers says the group's minister of defense is an indigent and someone else must be putting up the price of the two-bedroom pad in a building complete with sauna, bath, gymnasium and putting green.

In Princeton, N. J., the mystery is probably less mystifying. Newton dropped by one night for a 90-minute lecture and the group

improvements and the State Land Commission is the judge of what is a harbor improvement or somebody's pipe dream.

The fire chief and the building inspector pronounced the Queen to be in tiptop condition, and the Commission ruled the Queen's future role to be in conformity with the royalty requirements.

The Long Beach delegation out-bid 17 other contestants at the auction with a \$3.5 million show of hands.

Over 1,200 ocean liner buffs shelled out from \$1 to \$9 thousand dollars for the Queen's final voyage from Southampton to Long Beach.

The trip was something less than a lark. The air conditioning broke down, the food was of steerage quality, the crew was surly. Edwin Wade, Long Beach's mayor, found a sea gull in his stateroom one night. He mused in unwitting prophecy, "I hope it's not an albatross."

Events since the Queen's berthing at Long Beach more than hint that His Honor's feathered visitor was a good replica of that flying luck symbol.

It seems the fire chief and the building inspector missed a few points in their examination, such as the Queen's rusted smokepipes, her other piping, her wiring and some configurational problems in converting a ship to essentially a land based museum.

So far the city has spent \$42 million on the project and the State Land Commission is claiming the supporting features such as hotels, restaurants and shops could send the investment to \$160 million. There is also a \$43 million suit against the city by the new owners of the Diners Club for failure to have the Queen ready for its promised 1969 opening. The city has counterclaimed with its own breach of contract assertion for \$139 million, but the betting appears to favor the Diners Club prevailing to some extent.

An opening of the museum on a limited scale is scheduled for this spring, but the total project is still on the drawing boards, and the Commission now threatens to seal off the royalty payments.

This is a more worrisome prospect than the environmentalist outcry which arose last year when several offshore rigs in the Santa Barbara channel sprang leaks and the oil seepage temporarily ruined the Long Beach coastal area.

The city is so submerged in the Queen that from a political standpoint the project will have to be salvaged rather than beached. It is a fair certainty, however, that new faces will have to replace the original planners.

It took a promoter to launch a good idea, but Long Beach needs a marine engineer to turn it into reality.

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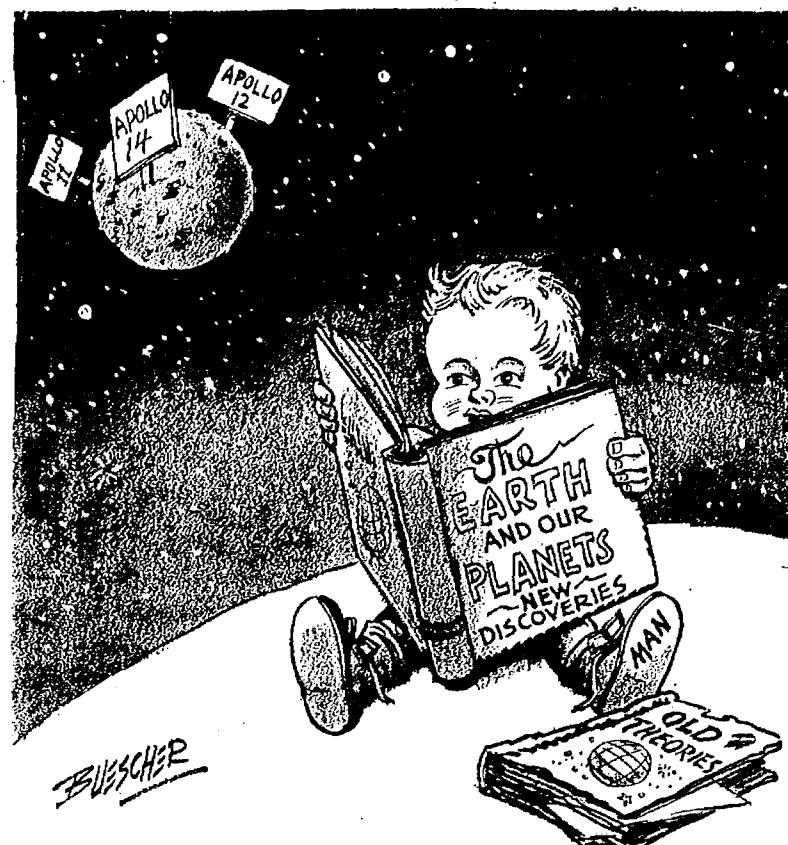
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is available.

# Still An Infant



# GLANCING BACKWARDS

## WOMEN WRITERS WIN STATE PRESS HONORS

—1 Year Ago—

The women of the staff of this newspaper walked off with a Honors' share of honors at the annual competition of the Michigan Women's Press Club.

For the fourth consecutive year, the women's pages of The News-Palladium and The Herald-Press received the award for overall excellence in the 25,000 to 50,000 circulation category. Three individual staff members also received the top prizes for writing excellence. Receiving awards were Arlys Derrick, women's editor of the Twin Cities' sister newspapers, San Dee Wallace, Sandra Drake, and Alice Harris Warner, staff writers.

## NEED FOR MIGRANTS TO STAY HIGH

—10 Years Ago—

Michigan farmers will need the help of at least 76,000 migrant workers to bring in the 1961 crop — if everything is normal — says a State Employment Security Commission official.

Despite the rapid advance of mechanization, the state will need at least as many migrants as last year, continuing an upward trend which started in 1948, said Andrew Kramarz, chief of the farm placement section.

## PRASSURE PUT ON ATHENS

—30 Years Ago—

Germany, armed with what observers interpreted as a virtual promise by Turkey to stay

## REMODEL

—50 Years Ago—

R. and W. Rahn are remodeling the second story of their building on state street into a six-room flat.

## GREAT SHIP

—60 Years Ago—

The new Edward K., rebuilt tug, is the finest fishing tug on the west Michigan coast. The craft was rebuilt after being almost totally burned last October.

## SPECIAL PARTY

—80 Years Ago—

An old fashioned Washington party will be given at Martin's Academy of Music, under the management of a number of St. Joseph's young men.

# RUTH RAMSEY

# Today's Grab Bag

## THE ANSWER QUICK!

1—Who is the most famous violin maker of all time?

2—What French woman painter is best remembered for her paintings of animals?

3—Who composed "The Messiah"?

4—What is a caesura?

5—What is a drosophy?

## IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1930 the planet Pluto was discovered.

## WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

POLARIZATION — (POH-ler-

e-ZAY-shon) — noun; a state in which rays of light exhibit different properties in different directions.

## YOUR FUTURE

This is a fortunate birthday with probability of marital happiness. Today's child will be restless.

## IT'S BEEN SAID

Learn that the present hour alone is man's. — Samuel Johnson.

## BORN TODAY

The Italian violinist Nicolo Paganini is a name revered by anyone who is a serious student of the violin or a player of accomplishment.

According to tradition, he was a supreme virtuoso in technical accomplishment, a performer and personality of extraordinary fascination.

He was born in Genoa in 1782. His father, a clever amateur, taught him how to play the violin at an early age and he had further lessons from the best teachers in the region.

He first appeared in public at Genoa at the age of nine and was a triumphant success.

Paganini studied strenuously, practicing single passages for ten hours at a time and publishing compositions so difficult that he alone could play them.

He made his first professional tour with his father in 1797. For some years he led a changeable life and had to pawn his violin on occasion to pay for his gambling debts.

Between 1801 and 1804 he lived in retirement in Tuscany. The following year he started on a European tour, astonishing the world with his matchless performances. He turned the unprecedented feat of playing on the fourth string of the violin alone.

After a series of liaisons, he traveled to Germany, where he became a sensation as a violinist and followed with appearances in Paris, London and Italy.

He died at Nice in 1840.

Others born today include Adolph Menjou and Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

## HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1—Antonio Stradivari.

2—Ross Bonheur.

3—George Frederick Handel.

4—A break or pause within a line of poetry.

5—A light, low, open, four-wheeled Russian carriage.

# HENRY CATHCART

# Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — Nothing so clearly illustrates how far to the left the Democratic Party has drifted in the last decade than the next-to-non-existent presidential prospects of Washington Sen. Henry M. Jackson.

When John F. Kennedy won his party's presidential nomination in 1960, he immediately tapped Jackson as Democratic national chairman.

So high was Jackson's standing with the late President that he was said to have been Kennedy's personal choice for vice president — a nomination that went to Lyndon Johnson in '64.

Today Jackson's politics differ little from his positions ten years ago. He is a liberal on civil rights and domestic affairs in general. He is a hard-line anti-Communist in foreign affairs in a manner not unlike John Kennedy.

Knowledgeable White House sources say Jackson is thought there to be the strongest presidential candidate the Democrats could nominate. George Meany, the old-line president of the AFL-CIO, is urging Jackson to get into the '72 presidential race. Certainly, no Democratic presidential possibility could bring to the party more southern support while maintaining a genuinely liberal stance on civil rights.

Still, Jackson has little chance of winning the nomination — even if he campaigned hard for the job. The reason: He has yet to denounce the war in Southeast Asia and he has voted, indeed he has led the fight, for appropriations for such defense programs as the AMB missile system.

Because of his positions in foreign affairs, Jackson would be the decided underdog in any presidential primary. The facts

of political life are that in nearly every non-southern state, registered Democrats are far more liberal than a cross section of the general population. Party leaders are often even further to the left. (Most political analysts doubt a candidate could win the nomination in '72 unless he first makes a strong showing in the primaries.)

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# DR. COLEMAN

# .. And Speaking Of Your Health

With so many different kinds of treatment recommended to me by my friends, I don't know where to turn for help.

My problem is my state of mind. I worry too much about everything. I can't make any decisions for myself or for my family. I'm always sure that I will be wrong.

I know I need treatment. Where can I find it?

Mrs. L.S., R.I.

Dear Mrs. S.: The fact that you recognize a need for psychological help and guidance in Dr. Coleman is a great step forward in attaining it.

Unlike you, most people either deny that a problem exists or cover it up so completely that it is never brought out into the open for solution.

In this way, they are deprived of the advantage of the emotional support they need.

When people do pick up courage enough to talk about their problems, it comes as a surprise to them to find they are not alone and that many of their friends may have needed professional guidance, too.

At this point confusion may occur. All your friends will insist that their "school of psychotherapy" is the only worthwhile one.

It is nice to know that people have that kind of faith and trust in their

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Twin City  
News

## BH Schools Plan April Tax Vote; Amount Not Set

### Nine Students Expelled

Benton Harbor board of education has scheduled a millage election for April 26. No amount was set at yesterday's special meeting, but tax millage of 14.85 expired last year. The expired millage represented 13.85 mills in operating taxes and one mill for building site which was used for improvements and maintenance.

Supt. Mark E. Lewis said the millage for the April election will be determined by the board after a look at the financial picture and consultation with the Citizens Advisory council. STUDENTS EXPELLED The board also expelled nine students and re-instated two as a result of hearings on alleged participation in a Jan. 15 riot at

senior high. Board members voted unanimously on all 11 disciplinary cases. Action was taken after 10 hearings. One student who was expelled did not request a hearing. All of the students are juniors and seniors.

Hearings resumed yesterday afternoon for the remaining 20 students on indefinite suspension. The board will hold another special meeting Saturday noon at city hall with the intention of making public decisions on the remaining cases. Criminal charges, if warranted, will be filed after the hearings.

All of the expelled students, except one, were given the option of applying for admission to summer school in June and the adult school program next September to complete their education. Expulsion means permanent exclusion from the regular school program unless the board later revokes the action and grants re-admission.

In ruling not to expel two students, Richard Williams and Ronald Broyles, the board ruled their suspensions were justified. However, their actions on Jan. 15 "do not justify expulsion" and their files were "returned to the administration for disciplinary action." The action means re-instatement with terms of admission up to the principal.

The board ruled that Darrell Allen "took part in the disturbance in the high school on Jan. 15, 1971, committed an assault on Edward Merill, a security guard, took part in mob action to destroy property, detain a white girl and commit massive assault on others and is, therefore, expelled and denied participation in any Benton Harbor school district high school credit program."

Expelled with the option of taking summer school and night school were Ronald Coleman, Dan Cooks, Larry Lucas, Charlie Roseburg, Sherri Jones, Gregory Ford, Ricky Hill, and William Buford. They were given the privilege of taking first semester examinations with time and place to be determined by the administration.

The school district last year levied 31.9321 mills in property taxes, of which 30.0460 was for operating purposes.

#### CONFLICT SEEN

Benton Harbor city voters Monday defeated an extra six-mill operating tax, 735 to 614. Mayor Wilbert Smith said the outcome was close to merit consideration for placing the levy on the ballot again. The school election date of April 24 could conflict with city plans for another vote.

The city issue can't be submitted again for 45 days, and there must be 30 days between all elections. However, city Atty. Samuel Henderson said it would be possible to have two separate elections on the same date.

Election dates must be cleared by the Berrien county elections board. The Benton Harbor school board's action yesterday was to request the date of Monday, April 26, from the county board.

### Study Team Call Number Corrected

A Michigan Department of Education release yesterday erroneously listed the telephone number to call for appointments with a department study team in Benton Harbor. The correct number is 926-6168.

A department team will be at the Vocational Rehabilitation office, 224 Pipestone street, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday to confer with residents of the Benton Harbor school district. The team is investigating conditions that produce racial tension in the district.

### Boy Injured Running Into Auto

A six-year-old St. Joseph township boy received minor injuries when he darted out into the side of a moving car on Lincoln avenue, near Vineland avenue yesterday, Berrien sheriff's deputies reported.

The boy, Kenneth Vieregge, Jr., 6, of 3243 Washington avenue, was treated and released from St. Joseph Memorial hospital.

Driver of the car, Edward G. Schrag, Jr., 38, of 964 Willow drive, St. Joseph township, was not held.

#### BOILERS STARTED UP

MONROE (AP) — The \$550-million Detroit Edison Co. coal-fired electric power plant started up its boilers for the first time Tuesday on an experimental basis.

### Shoppers Fair Appoints New District Exec

Kel Wolfson of Chicago has been appointed an assistant vice president of Mangel Stores Corp. which operates Shoppers Fair stores in the Midwest, including one on M-139, Benton township.

In his new position, Wolfson is a district manager supervising stores in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

### Department Gets Washington Flag

NEW TROY — A flag which has flown over the nation's capitol has been given to the Weesaw township volunteer fire department by the WeeChick American Legion Post 518.

The flag was obtained by the past through U.S. Rep. Edward Hutchinson, R-Fenton, whose district includes the township.

Dean Miller, assistant department fire chief, presented the department a new pole for displaying the exterior flag.

## Mittan Wants River Channel Plan Restored

State Rep. Ray Mittan of Benton Harbor, himself a boating fan, takes a dim personal view of a recent decision by the U.S. Corps of Engineers not to dredge a pleasure boat channel up the St. Joseph river beyond the I-94 bridge.

In a letter to this newspaper, he responded to a Feb. 10 article in this paper that told of the decision to dredge only the lower reach of the river to avoid possible harm to the fish population. State Department of Natural Resources representatives had testified dredging a boating channel upriver to Berrien Springs would destroy much of the fish habitat.

Mittan emphasized he was writing only as a member of the river boating fraternity and not as a state official.

Mittan's letter follows:

"It was with a great deal of interest that I read the article on the St. Joseph River by Mr. VandenHeede last week. However, I am sure that the many boaters in the area will, as did I, view the decision to terminate the improvement at the I-94 Bridge with grave disappointment.

#### GROWS IN BEAUTY

"As most St. Joseph River buffs know, the St. Joseph River grows in beauty as one travels upstream. While the splendor of the river banks downstream from the I-94 Bridge is unequalled in Michigan, it is from Kings Landing on to Berrien Springs that the St. Joseph bears out the descriptions of the late poet Ben King and LaSalle in his letter to the King of France 300 years ago. Most recently the words of Ben King and LaSalle were updated by the unforgettable Edith Kendall in a News-Palladium supplement, which recalled the days of the St. Joseph River steamboats.

"I have pressed, and will continue to press, for improvement of the St. Joseph River all the way to the Berrien Springs Dam.

As Mr. VandenHeede stated, it is the decision of the

State Department of Natural Resources fish biologists and some conservationists that the

fish population will be harmed if the River is improved beyond the six miles point from its mouth. I disagree. It was in the

days of the steamboat that the St. Joseph River achieved

something of a national reputation as a fishing stream. Ac-

cording to the "old timers", this

came about by the construction

of wing dams along the shore

which enabled the River to cut

its own channel for the steam-

boats and at the same time

provided shelter for fish breed-

ing and habitation. Portions of

the old wing dams may still be

found along the River from Kings Landing to Berrien Springs.

#### REACTIVATE PROJECT

"It is the hope of a large group of boaters that the federal government reactivate the congressionally approved project which calls for the St. Joseph River to be maintained to a depth of two to three feet in a channel some 50 feet wide. This project was put into effect some 100 years ago and is, to the best of my knowledge, still in effect. The army corps of engineers admits there has been no work on the project since 1915.

"I am not a fisherman and do not, by any stretch of the imagination, claim expertise in the field of fish biology. But I submit, also, that in view of the mess our Department of Natural Resources has created in Great Lakes commercial fishing, its fish biologists leave something to be desired."



REP. RAY MITTAN

## Rep. Mittan Querries His Constituents

Ray C. Mittan, state representative from the 44th district, is asking his constituents for opinions on issues the legislature will face in the months ahead.

Mittan is mailing another of his legislative questionnaires to solicit the opinions of constituents to "assist me in making decisions on our behalf."

He asks the voters what they consider the top priority issues. Environmental quality? Spending? Abortion? Consumer protection?

#### SPENDING CUTS

The state must cut its spending, Mittan writes. Which areas can we best afford to cut back? In education? Mental health? Crime control?

Among many questions calling for a yes or no answer, he asks:

Do you favor putting Michigan on Daylight Saving Time?

Should it be a misdemeanor to sell a defective new or used car to anybody?

Do you favor complete repeal of all laws concerning abortion?

Should the law require that farm land be assessed only on its value as farm land, not on what it might be worth for some other use, provided that back taxes be paid if it is sold for other use at a higher price?

## SJ Elks

### Will Honor Old Timers

St. Joseph Elks will stage a special party to honor its "old timers" members who have 35 years of continuous membership on Monday, Feb. 22.

A roast beef dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Exalted Ruler Mercer Fisher said a special entertainment program has been planned and each old timer attending will be given a gift.

### VOTE CALLED OFF

## Teamsters Claim BH Being Unfair

A union representation election among Benton Harbor city employees scheduled for today was called off because the Teamsters union slapped an unfair labor practice charge against the city.

City Atty. Samuel Henderson said the notice came from the State Labor Mediation board. The Teamsters allege that city attempts to spread police arbitration awards among all employees constituted an unfair labor practice at a time when the union was attempting to organize.

The election was to be held this afternoon at the public works employees. It mainly involved public works employees. Police officers, firemen, supervisors and clerical workers were eligible to vote.

The city received notice Jan. 13 that Local 214 Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers was attempting to organize city employees.

The city commission said in November that arbitration awards won by police officers should be distributed uniformly to all employees. The commission in December set an election for six mills to finance pay hikes. The tax proposal was defeated Monday by voters.



BIRTHDAY MEMORIES: Jack Mitchell, who will be 76 Friday, holds birthday cake delivered to him by a newspaper reporter in behalf of his granddaughter, Mrs. Dean (Cherie) Dansfield, of Saginaw. Mrs. Mitchell joined her husband in happy memories of rearing Mrs. Dansfield. Here, Mrs. Mitchell holds Teddy bear couple gave Mrs. Dansfield 32 years ago. Mitchell said his granddaughter wanted cake delivered because she hasn't been able to return here since Christmas. Mitchells reside at 1355 East Napier, Benton township. (Staff photo)

## NEWSPAPER JOINS PARTY

### Her Granddad Not Forgotten At 76

BY RALPH LUTZ

Staff Writer

Jack Mitchell gently held a decorated cake on the eve of his 76th birthday, Friday.

And memories spanning many happy years, flashed through the mind of the man who said he's the oldest electrical contractor in the Twin Cities.

The cake was a birthday remembrance from Mitchell's granddaughter, Mrs. Dean (Cherie) Dansfield. Mrs. Dansfield, her husband and their three children moved to Saginaw about five months ago.

Mitchell said he and his wife, May, 81, reared Cherie.

Mrs. Dansfield wrote this newspaper about Mitchell's birthday, and stated that because of bad weather, she hasn't been able to come to her grandparents' home since Christmas.

Mrs. Dansfield requested a favor of the newspaper. She enclosed \$5 and asked the paper to buy a cake for her grandfather.

A reporter was dispatched to a bakery, then delivered the cake to Mitchell.

"That girl, it's just like her to surprise us like this," exclaimed Mrs. Mitchell. "I'm going to call her tonight," she concluded.

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Mrs. Mitchell now was holding a Teddy bear. "That's the original," said Mitchell, pointing to a collection of toys. "That was Cherie's first toy. He goes back 32 years. You can see how we've sewn him up. Now, our great-grandchildren play with him."

Mitchell pointed to a child's rocking chair in the living room. "The great-grandchildren enjoy that, just like Cherie did," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell reside in a pleasant, evergreen surrounded home at 1355 East Napier avenue, Benton township.

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Saginaw, marks the first time his granddaughter has resided away from the Twin Cities.

Mitchell said Dean Dansfield was employed by Inter-City bank, but moved to accept a job as an accountant with Sears, Roebuck & Co. Mitchell said Dansfield started in the Sears

Saginaw store, but already has been transferred to a huge Sears store in Flint. The couple still resides in Saginaw. Mitchell said his great-grandchildren are Lisa, 7; David, 5; and Timmie, 2.



READY TO GO: Jack Mitchell, although 76, still travels to electrical contracting jobs in familiar panel truck. He pauses here with tool box he said has been his companion for many decades. (Staff photo)

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## Michigan Gas Must Reduce Area's Rates

Area customers of Michigan Gas Utilities Co. will receive small refunds and rate reductions as the result of a ruling by the State Public Service Commission.

The commission has ordered the utility to reduce rates in its western division by \$134,039 a year after Feb. 1. The division services some 20,000 customers in portions of Allegan, Berrien, Ottawa and Van Buren counties. Rate reductions were ordered also for the southern division, taking in portions of Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe and St. Joseph counties.

so A MONTH

Though exact figures are not available, Gene Lewis, district manager for Berrien county, estimated the average home owner's gas bill will be reduced by less than 50 cents a month.

The refund, also ordered by the commission, probably will not exceed \$2 for the average user, Lewis estimated. For the 72,700 customers in the 10 counties affected, the refund amounts to \$254,960.

Commission chairman Willis Ward said customers will receive the refunds in the form of credit on their bills.

Ward said the refund and rate reduction are the result of the elimination by Congress of the Federal income tax surcharge.

The commission granted the utility a \$1.4 million annual rate increase in Nov., 1969, but stipulated it must reduce its rates in the event the federal income tax surcharge was reduced or eliminated.

Congress reduced the surcharge from 10 to five per cent on Jan. 1, 1970, and eliminated the surcharge entirely on July 1, 1970.

Ward said Michigan Gas Utilities sought to upset the commission ruling in the courts. He said the Ingham County Circuit Court ruled for the commission and the State Appeals Court denied an application by the utility for a rehearing.

Ward said the typical refund for a gas space heating customer will vary between \$1.50 and \$2.50.

Rates in the company's western division, taking in portions of Allegan, Berrien, Ottawa and Van Buren counties, will be reduced by \$134,039 a year after Feb. 1.

Rates in the southern division, taking in portions of Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe and St. Joseph counties, will be reduced \$150,157 a year effective the same date.

**NEW CITY MANAGER**  
YPSILANTI (AP) — Peter Caputo, 36, city clerk of Ypsilanti since Sept. 9, 1970, has been named city manager.

STEVE WILLMENG

## Lifesaving Medal Given Area Sailor

WATERVILLE — Machinist Mate Steve Willmeng, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Willmeng, North Branch road, has earned a Silver Lifesaving medal for saving a Maltese official from drowning, his mother said to day.

She said that her son, while serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence in the Mediterranean, was scuba diving at a Maltese beach when he saw a man floundering in water over his head.

**PULLED MAN ASHORE**

Willmeng told his mother that he pulled the man ashore, and had to administer artificial respiration several minutes to revive him.

He proved later to be an official of the island. Mrs. Willmeng did not know in what capacity.

In addition to the medal, Willmeng also received during the seven-month tour of the Mediterranean, a meritorious unit commendation, the Foreign Expedition medal, and the National Defense Navy commendation.

He was home recently for a short visit, and has now returned to his shop at Norfolk, Va.

## SPECIAL SUPPORT

## Marcellus Lawyer Heads SMC Group

CASSOPOLIS — Carroll Jones, a Marcellus attorney was elected president during an organizational meeting here last night of the 15-member board of the new Southwestern Michigan College foundation.

The foundation was established last month by the SMC board of trustees as a means of giving individuals or groups an opportunity to provide special support to the college through private gifts and bequests.

Others elected during the meeting at the Diamond Harbor Inn were Earl Marhanka, Dowagiac, vice president; Dr. Stanley Hergenroeder, SMC president, as secretary; and David Briegel, the college's vice president for financial affairs, secretary.

Herbert Hass, SMC director of development, was named as executive director of the foundation.

The dinner was hosted by the board of trustees.

## Berrien Springs Spellers Win Contest

Berrien Springs eighth graders won the Cloverleaf spelling contest but it took two innings of "dynamite" words yesterday to break up a five-way tie for the title. Berrien Springs had 43 points. The spelldown was held at Upton junior high school in St. Joseph.

In second-place were Trinity Lutheran of St. Joseph, Upton junior high, Coloma and Andrews Academy of Berrien Springs with 41, followed by Lakeshore with 40.

After running through words spellers had had a chance to review, the championship (or dynamite) words are presented. These words have been selected

by spelling coaches from standard eight-grade textbooks but have not been listed beforehand.

Berrien Springs' winning spellers are Jim Cooke, Greg Stemm, Rhonda Morrical, Cynthia Sherburn and Mary Simko with Caprice Pauhart and Marjorie Nelson as alternates and Dwight Riemersma as coach.

**PREVIOUS WINNERS**  
Berrien Springs won the spelldown in 1966. The previous spelldown winners were: 1961 — Coloma; 1962-63 — Fairplain; 1964-65 — Coloma; 1966 — Berrien Springs; 1967-68 — Trinity Lutheran; 1969 — Fairplain; 1970 — Andrews Academy.

A total of 16 teams competed at area elimination contests at Andrews, Upton and Milton schools with two winners from each of those contests going to the finals.



TRI-CAP HOPES FOR HEARING: Tri-Cap is trying to arrange a refund hearing with OEO in Washington, D.C., to coincide with a poor people's trip set for Feb. 21 to 23. U.S. Senator Robert Griffin is spearheading a drive for the hearing with

Frank Carlucci, acting OEO director. The Tri-Cap delegation to the meeting would be: Atty. F. A. Jones; Mrs. Helen Ford, executive director; and Virgil May, chairman of the board of directors. (Staff photo)

## GOING TO TOP

## Tri-CAP Board Still In Game

By BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

The Tri-CAP board of directors refused to admit defeat last night even though a hearing with OEO (Office of Economic Opportunity) in Washington, D.C., on a re-funding request is still not definite.

A series of speakers gave support to Tri-CAP's "don't quit" philosophy before about 50 people at the Donald Cook Nuclear center in Bridgman.

Atty. F. A. (Mike) Jones, Tri-CAP legal representative, said a hearing with the acting director of OEO, Frank Carlucci, had still not been set as of Wednesday afternoon.

U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin promised Jones last Friday that he would try to arrange a meeting between Carlucci and Tri-County Community Action Program representatives.

The hearing would coincide with the bus trip to Washington, D.C., planned by a poor people's committee for Feb. 21 to 23. The committee hopes to meet with Senator Griffin and OEO officials to show support for Tri-CAP.

**FUNDS NEEDED**  
Mrs. Georgia Bailey, organizer of the trip and the director of Tri-CAP's Neighborhood Service system, said 17 people so far have agreed to take the 12-hour bus trip. She reported that the group has not yet been able to raise the needed \$1,112.86 to cover bus rental from Indian Trails, Inc. and several nights lodging in the capitol.

Mrs. Helen Ford, executive director of Tri-CAP, said she would attend a meeting Thursday at 9 a.m. in Chicago with Charles MacKenzie, chief of OEO's Michigan unit. "We will discuss Tri-CAP's future and ways to salvage parts of the program," she said.

The meeting was arranged by Rev. Eugene Wallace, president of the United Ministers Action organization, representing six churches in the Benton Harbor area. Rev. Wallace, assistant pastor of the Beautiful Gate

Baptist church, East Main street, said he expects Wendell Verduin, OEO regional director, to also be at the meeting.

Virgil May, Tri-CAP board president, said the Tri-CAP directors have resolved to continue as a non-profit organization if funds are not restored. "The directors feel the community deserves full reports on many things that have not yet come to light," he said.

**WANTS REHEARING**

May said the board wants a re-hearing on OEO charges that Tri-CAP programs were ineffective. He said another unresolved issue is an August letter from an OEO field representative commanding C-MEDS (Comprehensive Multi-

inning of the ballgame with two innnings to go. I won't give up until the final day," he said.

Mrs. Ford said the young people in the Neighborhood Youth Corps project are becoming discouraged. The corps was given 17 extra weeks of life by a U.S. Department of Labor contract starting last Jan. 31.

"They don't understand that federal funding is here today and gone today," Mrs. Ford said.

Mrs. Octavia Hawkins, Van Buren county chairman on the board, said adversity might have been good for Tri-CAP.

"We shouldn't lean on a government agency. There are other ways and means of survival," she said.

"The government has been a training agency," Mrs. Hawkins said. "We have been trained and are qualified to see that Tri-CAP lives. If we can't do it one way then we can do it another," she said.

Victor Greer, board member and Berrien county commissioner, gave a Tri-CAP financial report. He said the payroll for Tri-CAP in 1970 was \$474,380.88 for 861 employees in the tri-county area.

Greer said that the Tri-CAP bank balance on Jan. 31 was \$2,171 with another \$15,960 to be reimbursed by the department of Health, Education and Welfare. OEO authorized Tri-CAP to spend \$25,000 this month but it has not been received yet, Greer said.

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The salary increases were proposed by the board following discussion at a special open meeting Feb. 1, Mrs. Sommers said.

To be eligible to vote at the April 3 meeting, township residents must be registered voters but do not need to be property owners, she said.



MRS. GEORGIA BAILEY  
Heads Trip To Capital

## BERRIEN TWP.

## Citizens Will Vote On Pay Increases

BERRIEN CENTER — Berrien township voters at the annual township meeting April 3 will vote on whether to grant board members proposed salary increases ranging from \$5 per meeting to \$700 a year.

Current pay scales have been in effect since township voters at the 1968 annual meeting approved pay increases of about 11 per cent, according to Mrs. Robert (Esther) Sommers, township clerk.

Proposed new salaries, with present salaries in parentheses, are:

Supervisor F. W. "Bud" Bruce, \$4,200 (\$4,000); Clerk Mrs. Sommers, \$1,800 (\$1,600); Treasurer James Slover, \$2,500 (\$1,800); and Trustees Peter Rudell and Robert Norris, \$20 per meeting (\$15).

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**Soo Firemen Hurt**

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (AP) — Fire swept through a beauty salon in the downtown section of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Wednesday, injuring two firemen slightly.

Fire officials said the Hollywood Beauty salon suffered extensive damage to the buildings and contents.

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